

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 6, 2019

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 720 Lincoln Avenue. The yard is not only well maintained but also has some wonderful art and novelties that add a tasteful flair to the yard. There are only three more weeks remaining in the 2019 Yard of the Week program, so be sure to get your nomination in for those deserving yards.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month began this week and the first week's theme was "Save Early for Disaster Costs". The City joined the State of Oregon Division of Financial Regulation to encourage

everyone to make it "Home Inventory Week". An accurate home inventory is essential to determine the level of insurance that may be needed to help mitigate the costs associated with a disaster. Photos of important documents and personal belongings will help you quickly file an insurance claim after a flood, fire or other event. Today, storing those photos or essentially your whole Home Inventory on the cloud can make it readily available when it is needed.



Next week the theme is "Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters". There is great information available at www.ready.gov/plan that can help you and your family prepare for emergencies. Whether the emergency is a major snow storm and loss of power (remember that?); a summer thunderstorm that takes out the power (that happened in part of town last night); a fire (remember the events of the last three weeks) or an earthquake (hasn't happened here yet, but they say it is coming), make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect our area. Know how to contact family members and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. All those and more are great tips on how to create a plan for emergencies and available at: www.ready.gov/plan.

Legion Cottages

The City Manager and Public Works & Development Director met with representatives from Homes for Good and University of Oregon to discuss preparations for the Legion Cottages development. University of Oregon students will be helping Homes For Good in the design and construction of the cottages on the property that was purchased from the American Legion.

Swinging Bridge

Work continues on the Swinging Bridge keeping it both on-budget and significantly ahead of schedule. By Friday, September 13, the Contractor intends to have the four columns and main cables installed. We continue to receive donations and the public is encouraged to donate on their water bills to the costs of the Swinging Bridge.



August 2019 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of August the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 78 permits, including two for a new homes and 12 tiny homes, and performed 153 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 10 permits were issued, two for new homes, and performed 37 inspections. In Veneta, 18 permits were issued, five new homes and performed 51 inspections. Staff reviewed and approved 19 plan sets in August and an additional 11 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

Quote of the Week

“Today’s accomplishments were yesterday’s impossibilities.”

~Robert H. Schuller~